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I strongly oppose dumping nuclear waste anywhere, but especially at Yucca Mountain.

Respected elder, Corbin Harney, spent the last half of his almost long 90 years watching the effects of nuclear waste on his friends, family and the earth. He related ALL things, all species. "One earth, one air, one water." His message was that all life is effected by what we do on this planet. He frequently said we must protect the waters. And he repeatedly discussed the sicknesses he saw in Shoshone people.

Terry Tempest Williams, known author, spoke at Bioneer's conference a few years ago, and discussed the effects of nuclear waste-fallout on the white population in Utah. Her mother and many others died of cancers, created by nuclear waste. She reported high incidents of cancers in fall out areas.

It is clearly known to all of us that nuclear waste is POSITIVELY DETRIMENTAL to ALL species. Yet, corporations that benefit from the creation of nuclear waste lobby heavily and somehow persuade us to overlook that basic fact. Nuclear waste needs to NOT exist. We, as intelligent stewards of the earth, should not encourage the development of nuclear energy or weapons. There is a huge range of solar and wind technologies that will create power, nuclear energy is NOT needed.

As intelligent stewards of public health, approving the development of Yucca Mtn as a nuclear waste site is completely unreasonable. Because of known effects of nuclear waste on humans and other species, it is reasonable to assume that long term health effects will not be positive. And because nuclear waste has an incredibly long rate of decay, 100 years from now, or 10,000 years from now, if a leak occurred it is possible that animal (including human) life will be effected. Can you honestly guarantee that this will not occur? What long term effects are you handing your grandchildren by allowing the development of nuclear waste dump sites?

"The waters," as Corbin would say, "we must protect the waters." A leak into our already diminished water supply would be completely disastrous. I am not a scientist, but I know that nuclear waste is a mutagen and a carcinogen. Dumping that into our water system will effect many species. Can you guarantee that a

leak will not get into our water systems?

Legally, if a leak occurred, how will that be mitigated in 200 years or 1000 years?

And then there is the Sacred. An element that our government and corporations tend to dismiss as not having value. Is your family sacred to you? I hope so. Some of us view the Earth, and all her species as part of our family. The Earth is not meant to be a commodity, exploited by corporations to make a profit. She is the provider of all we have, an Entity to be grateful to. We have ignored that aspect when making decisions that effect her. The Shoshone consider the Yucca Mtn area, in particular, to be sacred. To put a nuclear waste site here, is desecration. If the waste site goes in, cultural oppression will perservere. Decisions need to include the core cultural/religious values of the people. The weight of that value is heavier in the long run, than the value of making money. Which, we know is the bottom line for nuclear energy.

Too many questions, too much to risk, This project should not go forward. ]

Sincerely and with respect,

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